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For: NITRIC ESTER DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE IN TREATING
GASTROINTESTINAL TUMORS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement dated January 17, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group XII (claim 1 (in part), 2, 4, and 5-6 (in part), drawn to a method for the treatment of gastrointestinal tumors by administering a compound where $X = \text{NH}$ or NR_{1c} and R is chosen from the subgroup VIA, and formula Ia of subgroup VIA with traverse. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

In particular, Applicants disagree with the secondary restriction of a single formula of subgroups IA-VA, as the compounds of each subgroup IA-VIA do not necessarily lead